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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 April 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 4, 6-9 and 11 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 6-9 and 11 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, and 4 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, and 11 are pending in the application.
2. In view of the Appeal Brief filed on 04/23/2008, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 3, and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wadleigh (US Pat. 6,088,714) in view of Sayegh (US Pat. 5,293,330) and further in view Hsu (US Pat. 6,041,393).

5. Wadleigh and Sayegh were cited in the previous office action dated 11/14/2007.

6. **As to claim 1**, Wadleigh discloses a method of performing a Fast Fourier Transform in a data processing apparatus having data cache smaller than the data set of the Fast Fourier Transform (column 2, lines 38-41), comprising the steps of:

Dividing said input data in R continuous data sets where each of said R continuous data sets fit within the data cache (Column 4, lines 29-61 disclose how in a system when the data exceeds cache size, the cache utilizing different arrays to store the data).

7. Wadleigh does not disclose separately and independently performing a first stage radix-R butterfly computations on all the R continuous data sets thereby producing R independent intermediate data sets each of which fits within the data cache; and successively performing second and all subsequent stage butterfly computations on each independent intermediate data set in turn producing corresponding output data.

However, Sayegh discloses separately and independently performing a first stage radix-R butterfly computations on all the R continuous data sets thereby producing R independent intermediate data sets each of which fits within the data cache (Abstract, lines 1-22 and column 4, lines 1-24); and successively performing second and all subsequent stage butterfly computations on each independent intermediate data set in turn producing corresponding output data (column 2, line 54-column 3, line 7 and column 6, lines 16-22).

8. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the teachings of Wadleigh by performing first stage radix-R butterfly computations and second and subsequent butterfly computations, as taught by Sayegh, in order to achieve real-time high speed processing.

9. The combination of Wadleigh and Sayegh disclose disposing said input data into memory (Wadleigh column 4, lines 29-61) but the combination of Wadleigh and Sayegh do not disclose each R continuous data set in continuous memory locations with a space in memory locations from an end of one continuous data set to a beginning of a next continuous data set equal to the size of a cache line.

10. However, in an analogous art Hsu discloses each R continuous data set in continuous memory locations with a space in memory locations from an end of one continuous data set to a beginning of a next continuous data set equal to the size of a

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cache line (Column 2, line 62-column 3, line 3 disclose avoiding memory conflicts found in memory arrangements in a computer system by having the arrays of data spaced out by a dummy array equal to the size of one cache line. Thus, there is a dummy space inserted from the end of data set A to the beginning of data set B.).

11. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the teachings of Wadleigh and Sayegh, by utilizing cache line spacing, as taught by Hsu, for the benefit of reducing cache misses and minimizing stalls in data processing and further achieving higher memory throughput thus significantly increasing memory speed.

12. **As to claims 3 and 4**, the combination of Wadleigh, Sayegh, Hsu further disclose said radix-R is radix-2 and radix-4 (Sayegh, abstract lines 19-20).

Allowable Subject Matter

13. Claims 6-9 and 11 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

14. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3, and 4 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL YAARY whose telephone number is (571)270-1249. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis Bullock can be reached on (571) 272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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